

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURING DRIVE ACCESS TO DATA STORAGE
MEDIA BASED ON MEDIUM IDENTIFIERS****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method for securing access to a data medium comprises listing at least one unique identifier of media that a data transfer element is allowed to access in memory storage of the data transfer element, accessing only media having at least one of the listed unique identifiers in media cartridge memory with the data transfer element, and writing a unique identifier associated with the data transfer element to the cartridge memory of the selected medium with the data transfer element in response to no library assigned unique identifier being present in the cartridge memory of the selected medium.

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